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The following extract, viz.: Paragraph five, General Orders, No. 36, current series of War Department, together with notes, is published for the information of Medical Officers in the Hospitals of this Department.

"5. When too long a delay would arise in discharging the man because of the remote station of his company, application will be made by the Medical Officer to the Adjutant General for such account of the man as his records will furnish. To this partial descriptive roll the Medical Officer will add the period for which pay is due the man since his entry into the hospital. The man will then be discharged and receive the pay and allowances thus shown to be due him, leaving the balance due him on account of clothing, retained pay, &c., for settlement in such manner as may hereafter be determined."

To this paragraph the following notes have been added, by order of Major General Halleck.

"NOTE I.—'In cases where too long a delay would arise in discharging a man, because of the remote station of his company,' and when no descriptive list can be obtained from this office, the men referred to, will be discharged under this order, and an order given them on the Quartermaster's Department for transportation to their homes. This order will be signed by the same officer who signs the discharge. The Quartermaster will furnish transportation to such men, upon the presentation of this order, requiring them also to show their discharge."

"NOTE II.—The sentence, 'To this partial descriptive roll, the Medical Officer will add the period for which pay is due the man since his entry into the hospital,' will be understood to give him pay on this final statement from the muster next preceding his entry into the hospital until the date of his discharge."

Surgeons in charge of United States General Hospitals, are, therefore, directed, without delay, to make out discharge papers accordingly.

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